

Greenville Employee Messenger



Fall 2005 Edition

City sets the pace for the United Way



Real People, Real Caring, Real Results

The City, thanks in large part to the efforts and ideas of the United Way Committee (pictured above), surpassed the goals set for this year's United Way Campaign. The City raised more than \$60,000. Details inside beginning on page 4.

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Manager's Message

Dear City Employees:

Again this year, the United Way of Pitt County invited the City of Greenville to participate in the Pacesetters' Campaign. After several weeks of planning, the City's United Way Committee, under the direction of Angelene Brinkley of Financial Services and Cheryl Tafoya of Public Works, kicked off the campaign in August. The energetic campaign committee, with representatives from all departments, made presentations at several employee meetings and held numerous fundraising events during the month.

When the campaign ended in early September, City employees had exceeded our goal and raised more than \$60,000. City employees proved again why the United Way recognizes the City as a pacesetter in the annual effort. This money will be added to the overall United Way campaign this fall and will assist in providing essential human services to the residents of Pitt County.

Congratulations to Angelene and Cheryl on such an outstanding United Way Campaign. Not only did City employees show their generosity through their donations, but we all had a good time for a great cause. I have been involved in United Way campaigns for more than thirty years, and I have never observed such enthusiastic and generous support demonstrated by so many employees.

I want to personally thank all the members of the Committee, the team captains, and each City employee who donated to the 2005 United Way campaign. Your efforts will make a real difference in the lives of many citizens in our community.

Sincerely,



Wayne Bowers
City Manager

A Soldier's Story: Latisha Harris



Latisha at the farewell celebration before she began her deployment.

U.S. forces in Iraq and the Iraqi people are getting the benefit of some help from one of our Help Desk members. Latisha Harris is deployed in Iraq with the 849th QuarterMaster Company (in the Army Reserves). Her job is helping issue supplies with a specialty of aviation parts. Even though she has 6 years in the Reserves, this is her first deployment.

Before she left, she said she was scared and "very nervous because I don't know what to expect." Her 6-year old son, Jekwaun, was also scared. He cried when she broke the news that she was going, but she told him she was doing a good thing and not to worry because she was coming back.

While she is gone, Latisha promised to write in periodically with updates for her co-workers throughout the City. I will publish them here.

At last check, she was in Georgia, finishing her training, and then heading overseas.

Editor's notes

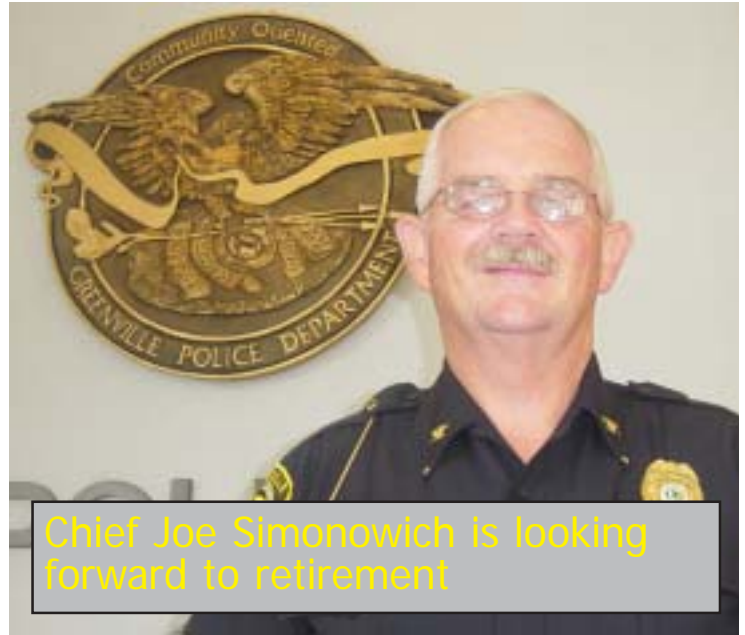
If you know of something going on, something that's happened and/or something that's pretty exciting, exceptional or just plain interesting, please let me know throughout the year.
Give me a call at extension 4131 or send me an email at shawley@greenvillenc.gov.

Chief Simonowich to Retire

Greenville Police Chief Joseph M. Simonowich has announced that he will retire on March 17, 2006. That day is also his 35th anniversary of joining the Greenville Police Department. The Chief began his career as a police officer in 1971 and progressed through the ranks to become appointed Police Chief in December of 2000.

City Manager Wayne Bowers commended Chief Simonowich on his long and dedicated service to the Greenville Police Department. According to Bowers, "Chief Simonowich has provided steady leadership to the Greenville Police Department during a time of community growth and increased law enforcement work load. He has established an excellent cooperative relationship with other law enforcement agencies in the area. His leadership will be missed by the employees of the Police Department and by the citizens of Greenville."

Chief Simonowich looks back on his time with the City fondly. "One of the things I'm most proud of is helping the Department earn accreditation, and then be re-accredited twice. I've spent more than half my life working for the City," said Simonowich. "It's been good, but it's time to go." The Chief says he's not sure what he will do but, "I do know I have a lot of honey-do's I've been putting off for 33 years."



Chief Joe Simonowich is looking forward to retirement

Sandy Harris becomes newest Battalion Chief



Sandy gets ready to climb the ladder of success in Fire/Rescue

After a grueling 9-month selection process, Noel "Sandy" Harris, III has been promoted to the rank of Fire/Rescue Battalion Chief, effective October 1, 2005.

Chief Harris is a 23-year veteran of Greenville Fire/Rescue. Harris is a certified paramedic who has served for the past 13 years as the Fire Training and Development Coordinator. He is also the Team Commander for the North Carolina Urban Search and Rescue Task Force 10, which is based in Greenville and is a component of the state's overall preparedness efforts to enhance homeland security.

Battalion Chief is responsible for the daily operation of six Fire/Rescue stations, and serves as the incident commander on all significant incidents.

Chief Harris is looking forward to the bond that comes from "living with people and working together when you're protecting each other. That knowledge of helping each other and looking out for each other's back really creates a sense of family. You come to protect each other like you would your wife and kids."

Sandy and his wife, Carolyn, have a daughter who attends UNCW and a son who lives in Asheville. In his spare time, Sandy is an avid angler.

He has a Masters Degree in Child Development and Family Relations from ECU, which he says comes in very handy when working in this department.

United Way Campaign



Ice Cream Ladies Rhonda Wilkerson and Wendy Smith proved they could dish it out for the United Way!

Next came the first-ever yard sale (Cheryl Tafoya [PW] claims it was her idea) in front of Public Works. Employees and citizens donated clothing, toys, electronics, household and other stuff, as well as baked goods. Held the same day as the Police "bike auction," this effort exceeded expectations. "I only expected to raise about \$500.00," said Cheryl, "and we raised \$1062.78."

The City's United Way Committee kicked off their campaign to raise money this year with chilling efficiency. Actually, it was the ice cream sales...and the chill was welcome during the sweltering summer days.

The group came up with the idea after seeing how much ice cream we all ate at the City Picnic this year. They took the leftovers, supplemented that with their own purchases, and ran with it. They figured it would go over well, but didn't realize what a cash cow it could be. Over the two-month campaign, the ice cream ladies raised more than \$1,000.



Cheryl Tafoya and Beverly Barnes relax during the Public Works Yard Sale. Their jobs were a piece of cake...actually selling cake, cookies, and cook books during the yard sale.

Another massive effort was the Hot Dog Sale. Loads of people came by Fire Station #1 for a hot dog lunch including chips and a drink. It was quite the bargain for lunch, yet still pulled in \$490.



Firefighter Steve Strickland (pictured right) shows off some of the hot dogs everyone enjoyed at the Hot Dog Sale.





Kevin Heifferon really “flipped” over the idea of helping with the pancake breakfast for the United Way.

Public Works hosted a Pancake Breakfast early one August morning. Division and Department Heads showed up bright and early to cook. They established a long line of griddles and tried their best to keep up with demand as folks feasted on pancakes and sausage. We even had several to-go orders to help bring the total amount raised to more than \$870.



Brenda Matthews show's she's really hot stuff, with her pot of award-winning chili.

The Chili Cook-Off heated up an August lunch in Fire Station #1. (Insert your own 3-alarm chili / fire joke here) Brenda Matthews (FIN) took first place for the second year in a row. Linwood Hines (F/R) and Chief Mike Burton (F/R) placed second and third respectively. There were lots of people who ate in the truck bay and lots of others who took chili back to eat at their offices. In all, a cool \$545 from this event steamed its way to the United Way.

Rec & Parks Recreation Supervisor and resident artist Marcus McClanahan was kind enough to paint and then donate an original still life to be raffled off. People kicked in \$5 each for a shot at taking the painting home. Marcus says he did it, “because I believe it is the right thing to do. It’s how I honor those who have given to me, who have helped me.” Bravo, Marcus! His efforts help show the United Way really is “Real People, Real Caring, Real Results.”

The Police Department wrapped up the City’s efforts with the tongue-in-cheek fundraiser “Donut with a Cop.” Officers all the way up the ranks to Chief Simonowich enjoyed playing off the donut-eating stereotype to raise the money. McGruff the Crime Dog showed up and there was a dipping station for the kids and static displays for everyone through the day.



Is Cpl. Connie Elks packing boxes or sneaking samples at the “Donut with a Cop” fundraiser?

The Gateway is Open

After years of staff planning and efforts, the Greenville Bridge is once again open to traffic. This time, it's foot traffic across Town Creek as the gateway to the planned South Tar River Greenway.



City Engineer, David Brown celebrates the opening of the Greenville Bridge



More than 200 people braved the warm, late June temperatures to witness the dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony. Many of those in attendance even strolled across the bridge at the end of the event.

Recycling

We're getting good news about our recycling program. The City of Greenville and Eastern Carolina Vocational Center have joined forces to increase recycling at apartment complexes within the City.

Recycling Coordinator Dorothy Carney reports that the Public Works Department has received a \$25,000 Community Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant from the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Pollution Prevention and Environmental Assistance. The grant is to promote and expand our existing program.

Ms. Carney says apartment owners/managers will be contacted to get involved. Public Works will construct a permanent recycling center at each complex on a first come, first serve basis until the money is gone.

Last year the City recycled roughly 1,850 tons. Imagine how much more we can recycle with additional apartments getting involved!

Hurricane Ophelia

As you know, we were spared the brunt of this tropical system, but we were ready for it just in case. Fire/Rescue Chief Mike Burton activated the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) on Wednesday, September 14th. Even though the EOC was only open a few hours, it was a great practice for our crews.

The IT Department spent hours hauling equipment, running cables, and configuring computers and phones to make sure the people who needed lines of communications had them available. Connie Elks and Les Jackson (both from GPD) manned the citizen information phones, answering citizens' questions and getting out the word of what was happening.

The Fire/Rescue, Police, and Public Works Departments juggled shifts and workers to allow for extra protection and coverage during the storm. Luckily, there was not much storm activity, and coverage was cut back late in the evening hours.

By 11 pm, the EOC was shut down, crews were pared back, and many folks headed home. In the end, the City sustained little to no damage from the storm, and we are all better prepared for the next emergency.

Praiseworthy

Congratulations



John Larry Parker picked up honors from the NC chapter of the American Public Works Association Solid Waste Division

Mr. Parker won the Herman Drake Award (presented to an outstanding employee in the field of Solid Waste Management for job accomplishments/achievements, training and recognition from citizens). John is an equipment operator who has participated in numerous training programs in the city and state. He also volunteers his time helping the elderly, handicapped and less fortunate.

Congratulations to **Tim Langley**, Animal Control Supervisor. Tim's dogged determination helped him to graduate from Beaufort Community College's Basic Law Enforcement Training program.

Congrats to **Jessica Fiester (R&P)** who just received her Master of Public Administration Degree (MPA) from ECU.

Animal Control Officer **Sandy Woolard** has completed the first phase of the National Animal Control Academy in Raleigh. She will head back next year to complete the Academy and become Nationally Certified.

If you couldn't tell by her friendly demeanor and uncanny abilities, **Peggy McNair (IT)** is a big help at the Help Desk. Now, she's gone above and beyond again and reached another plateau in customer service. Peggy has now achieved the status of *Microsoft Certified Desktop Support Technician* (MCDST). Congratulations, Peggy. We are proud of you, but didn't need the certification to know what a big help you are!

Thomas Brown, Mechanic Supervisor for Fleet Maintenance (PW), has become ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) certified in two areas: Diesel Engines and Medium/Heavy Truck Brakes.

Marty Driver, Mechanic II for Fleet Maintenance (PW), has become EVT (Emergency Vehicle Technician) certified in Design, Performance Standards, and Preventive Maintenance of Fire Apparatus. These are both nationally recognized certifications and achievements that we are proud of.

Wedding Bells

Cameron Smith (F/R) married Jennifer Tucker in May

Chris Cieszko (F/R) married Lesli Batts in June

Stork Report

Dennis Vestal (R/P) and his wife Krissy had a baby – Madeline Rose Vestal

Jeff Savage (F/R) and his wife on the birth of their daughter, Amariah Latasha Savage

Peggy Jones (GPD) has **two** new grandsons, Jaden Demarcus Haddock and Michael Tyree Hopkins

Brian Thompson (PW) and his wife Kendra had a baby girl, Chelsey Sierra Thompson

Ron Harris (R/P) and his wife Renee had a baby girl, Emma Grace Harris

Condolences

Johnnie Butler (GPD) on the death of his uncle

Cynthia Suggs (GPD) and **Larry Suggs (F/R)** on the death of her mother

Johnny Spruill (PW) on the passing of his father

Linda Roach (FIN) on the death of her mother

Joe Simonowich (GPD) on the passing of his mother-in-law

Vera Blackwell (CVB) on the death of her mother

Bennie Pilgreen (RP) on the death of his sister

To the families of **Richard Collins(PW)** and **Veldon White (R/P)**. Related articles for them are on page 11

Layforrest Woodhouse

served the City faithfully and diligently since 1976 and was rewarded with retirement this summer. In all the years of her work, this will be her first summer vacation.

This Greenville native and J.H. Rose High graduate began her service with the City as a clerk-typist for Public Works back when it was on New Street in what she describes as "that little cubby hole."

Her coworkers immediately recognized her intelligence and work ethic. When Leavy Brock became the City's first Purchasing Agent, he knew he would need help from someone he could trust. He immediately asked for her help and says, "without her, I could never have succeeded. She made Purchasing succeed and saved the City a whole lot of money."

Promotions

Willie Moye (FIN) to Purchasing Technician
Justin Skinner (R/P) to Laborer

Service Anniversaries

JULY

Edge, Christopher	GPD	7/10/00	5
Skeen, Renee	R/P	7/15/00	5
Vick, Debra	R/P	7/1/00	5
Spruill, Albert	PWD	7/3/95	10
Strickland, William	R/P	7/24/95	10
Joyner, Raymond	R/P	7/28/90	15
Johnston, Stephen	PWD	7/5/85	20
Pilgreen, Bennie	R/P	7/5/85	20
Elks, Connie	GPD	7/8/85	20
Hamilton, Harry	Planning	7/29/85	20

AUGUST

Harrison, Wayne	Planning	8/1/00	5
Livesay, Frank	R/P	8/1/00	5
Hall, John	PWD	8/18/00	5
Barrett, Corey	GPD	8/6/90	15
Tysinger, Tom	PWD	8/6/90	15
Hardee, Donnie	F/R	8/13/90	15
Horne, Calvin	F/R	8/13/90	15
May, Jeffrey	F/R	8/13/90	15
Rouse, David	F/R	8/13/90	15
Strickland, Stephen	F/R	8/13/90	15
Winters, Steven	F/R	8/13/90	15
Powers, Carol	R/P	8/21/75	30

SEPTEMBER

Braxton, Karen	PWD	9/1/00	5
Burton, Dora	Finance	9/5/00	5
Wainright, Leland	GPD	9/9/00	5
George, Michael	GPD	9/18/00	5
Vebber, Kevin	PWD	9/23/00	5
Edwards, Edwin	PWD	9/21/95	10
Coltrain, Wyatt	GPD	9/12/90	15
Williams, Robert	GPD	9/12/90	15
Beaman, Todd	IT	9/15/90	15
Baker, Ricky	PWD	9/23/85	20



Layforrest enjoys her retirement party with her former boss, Leavy Brock, and brother, Larry

Layforrest worked her way up to Purchasing Technician and calls it a labor of love. "I've thoroughly enjoyed getting up and going to work every morning," said Layforrest. "I can truly say you are blessed when you find a job you actually like and that's what I had."

There may be travel plans in Layforrest's future, but for now she's going to enjoy hanging around her mother – in her flower garden. Layforrest describes her family as close-knit with five brothers and one sister. She also has one son, Ronnie Mac Barrett, and one granddaughter, Shaky Barrett.

We will miss her and wish her the best in her well-earned retirement.

Other Comings & Goings

Financial Services has lost two terrific employees to other opportunities: Yvonne Frazier, FS Manager, left to become an educator at St. Peters, and Audrey Daniels, Accounting Supervisor, is headed to Charlotte.

Tronette Greene has been appointed the new Administrative Secretary for Financial Services effective October 4, 2005. Tronette brings to the City a four year degree from ECU and over 11 years of experience from Wachovia.

Kimberly Branch has been selected as the new Financial Services Manager. Kimberly brings to the City a four year and masters degree in Accounting from UNC. She has passed the CPA exam and is currently awaiting certification. Kimberly has worked for Ernest & Young (a large public accounting firm) and the Brody School of Medicine as the Director of Finance for Internal Medicine.

New Hires

Jonathan Hoggard	IT	Systems Analyst
Arthur Dupree	PWD	Laborer
Marvin Carmon	PWD	Transit Driver
William Wall	PWD	Equipment Operator III
Kristine Martin	PWD	Plan Reviewer/ Code Consultant

Service Anniversaries



Ricky Baker of Public Works, 20 years

Mr. Baker began working for the City in September of 1985. Ricky started out as a Cemetery Supervisor and then moved up the ladder to Assistant Supervisor of the Street Division of Public Works and finally to his current position as Superintendent.

Ricky's favorite thing about his role as Superintendent is the people he works with. Ricky oversees a large team of great workers in the Public Works Department, and he is constantly bragging about their hard work and dedication to their jobs. He says he loves waking up every morning and coming to work because his job is constantly changing and there is never a dull moment. Ricky is an active member of the community and is the Vice President of the North Carolina Streets Division Chapter of the American

Public Works Association (APWA).

Born and raised in Farmville, Ricky lives in Greenville with his wife Gail. Thanks for 20 years of service! Keep up the good work!

Harry Hamilton of Planning & Community Development, 20 years

Mr. Hamilton began his journey with the City in July of 1985. Harry stumbled upon a career in planning by simply taking a planning class as an elective course while studying at East Carolina University and has been pursuing a career in Planning ever since. Back then, the Planning Department consisted of only five planners.

Harry loves being part of the City as it changes and the City grows and expands. His favorite thing about his job is that "there is never a dull moment, there is always plenty of work to be done." He really enjoys the people he works with and the involvement with the community that his position brings.

Harry and his wife, Sharon, have 2 beautiful daughters, Helen Mary (age 9) and Leah Grace (age 6). When Harry retires, he plans to return to his original hometown of Swansboro, NC, so he can be closer to his relatives. Congratulations on 20 years of service!



Stephen Johnston of Public Works, 20 years

Stephen began his career with the Public Works Department in 1985. When Stephen started out as a trash refuse collector, the routes were much shorter and more frequent. Stephen loves being outside and enjoys his job in the Sanitation Division.

Stephen does not have any children, but he does enjoy spending quality time with his family, especially his nephew, Wesley, and watching ECU football. Stephen has put in 20 long, hard years with the City and couldn't see himself doing anything else right now. Thank you, Stephen, for all of your hard work and dedication; you truly do make a huge difference in our community!

Connie Elks of Greenville Police Department, 20 years (pictured on 10)

Connie's career with the City started with a telecommunicator position in 1985.

After the Police Chief suggested that she give law enforcement a try, she earned her BLET and progressed through many different positions, from a Patrol Officer, a Victim Advocate, a DARE officer, and finally a Detective Corporal of Major Crimes. Connie has worked hard to implement several successful programs including Christmas on Patrol,

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Connie Elks of Greenville Police Department, 20 years (continued)
ThinkSmart, and many more. She loves the satisfaction of solving cases, but her favorite part of her job is the opportunity that she has to inspire people. Connie's positive attitude and optimistic attitude have a great impact on both the victims and criminals that she works with.

Connie lives in Greenville and has four great kids, Courtney, Laura, Cutler, and Sarah.

Bennie Pilgreen of Recreation & Parks Department, 20 years

Mr. Pilgreen started out his career with the City as a part-time summer park maintenance worker in 1985. Bennie then climbed his way up the ladder moving from maintenance, to equipment operation, and finally to a full-time Park Ranger. He loves his job and especially enjoys the opportunity to communicate with the public. As the Recreation and Parks Department continues to grow, so do Bennie's responsibilities and park coverage area.

Bennie is looking forward to his eventual retirement. He plans to do a lot of traveling with his wife, Reverend Shantell Pilgreen, and maybe even start his own business. In his free time, Bennie enjoys playing sports with his two teenage daughters, Tia and Shamera.



Carol Powers of Recreation and Parks Department, 30 years

Mrs. Powers began working for the City in August of 1975 as a recreation programmer. She then progressed to Recreation Supervisor, Recreation Coordinator, and finally to Recreation Manager. Carol says that her job "is constantly changing and that the most enjoyable aspect of the position is the opportunity to work with such a diverse group of people." She also enjoys the fact that her position requires her to be very active and get away from her desk and get involved and interact with the community.

Carol hopes to eventually retire and embark on a new business venture in Emerald Isle with her husband, David. Carol is the proud mother of 2 daughters and 2 stepsons, Brooks, age 27, Paige, age 25, Andrew, age 28, and Jason, age 23. Congratulations, Carol, and thanks for 30 years of hard work and dedication.



Gerry Case of Human Resources, 30 years

Gerry began her career at ECU as a Pre-Law student with a strong interest in History and Politics. After earning her degree, she began working for the City of Greenville as a secretary to the Human Resources Director (1975). Back then, the Human Resources Department was much smaller. Gerry says, "over time the City took on more responsibilities, hired more employees, and opened many more facilities." Ms. Case's job has definitely evolved over time into a much more diverse and more detailed role. Gerry's job changes each day when policies and regulations change. While roles in the HR Department constantly evolve, Gerry says that having an extremely talented and dedicated staff helps make the transitions easier for everyone. Gerry appreciates the hard work and support that her staff gives her each day.

Gerry has two children, a 23-year-old daughter named Kathryn (a dance instructor for a local dance studio) and a 25-year-old son named Chris, who is currently attending culinary school in Charlotte. Even though Gerry has given the City 30 years of dedication and hard work, she does not anticipate retiring just yet; she says that she will know when she is ready. Thanks for 30 great years with the City!



Passings

As you probably know by now, the City lost two good workers to cancer this summer. More importantly, we also lost two great people. I asked some of the people who worked with Veldon White and Richard Collins to remember them here.

Veldon "Fuzz" White by Beverly Garrett

On August 26, 2005, the Recreation and Parks Department lost one of its longtime employees — Veldon White. Veldon, known as Fuzz by Recreation & Parks staff, friends and family, began work on October 2, 1989 in the Parks Department as an Equipment Operator. There aren't enough words to explain his very special relationship with his family and coworkers. When asked, here are some peoples' first thoughts of Fuzz.

"His smile – Fuzz was always smiling!"

"Everyone was crazy about Fuzz. Fuzz, Jesse Miller, and Dave Daniels (deceased employees) were known as "The three amigos". They were the only guys at the Parks Maintenance Center that had flowers delivered to them at work. Real ladies' men!"

"Hard worker...always so friendly."

Fuzz's favorite sayings – "You're a chicken" and "Everything's lovely"

"Always there to help you. Whether you needed a ride or a couple of bucks, he was always there for you."

"Friendly.... always acted the same no matter who he was around."

And last but not least, and to sum it up, "A friend, a good friend."

"When you met Fuzz, you met a friend." And that's how everyone will remember Veldon for years to come.



Richard Collins by Les Everett

Integrity, professionalism, role model, honest, fair, understanding, FRIEND. These are but a few words that describe Mr. Richard Collins, Building Inspector for the City of Greenville. As many of you know, Richard fought a very quick and aggressive battle with cancer. Within about two months of being diagnosed, Richard was taken away from us. I'm sure Richard would want me to let everyone know that his faith in Christ was immensely strong and that he was ready to face the possibility of death.

Richard was known by many throughout the City and was an encouragement, especially to me. We all have struggles as we go about our daily jobs, but Richard always seemed to be a step ahead willing to help in any way he could. When others would see an obstacle, Richard

would see an opportunity, and would most of the time follow up with saying, "It's all good". Richard truly looked at life as being ALL GOOD, by looking for the positives of a situation, not all the negatives.

So in the spirit of Richard, as you serve the City of Greenville in whatever role you have, let's strive for the "IT'S ALL GOOD" approach. I know the City will truly miss Richard as a dedicated employee, and I can tell you that I will miss him as a true friend.



Blood Drive

Before they passed away, the City and GUC sponsored a blood drive in their honor. The Red Cross collected 101 units of blood at this event. Thanks to everyone who turned out to give or help. The next blood drive will be held November 9th at the Aquatics and Fitness Center.



Robert Johnson (R/P) rolls up his sleeve and relaxes during the August blood drive at Public Works.



Theresa Holly (R/P) comforts Chris Hinson (R/P) as he gives during the August blood drive.

Who's who in the front page photo:

Front Row (l to r): Zina Hamm (GHA), Robin Edwards (PW), Sarah Connor (PW), Gloria Kesler (P/CD)

Second Row Kelly Gallagher (R/P), Gene Mills (GHA), Linda McCarthy (HR), Paula Loftin (FIN), Wendy Smith (IT), Sylvia Horne (GPD), Pam Reid (F/R), Cheryl Tafoya (PW)

Back Row Karen Gilkey (P/CD), Tim Corley (PW), Angelene Brinkley (FIN)

Not pictured: Lynn Branch, Andrew Schmidt, Rudy Godley, Wayne Harris, Christine Clift, Rhonda Wilkerson, Terry Payne, and Steve Strickland

Did You Know? Besides saving lives, you can earn 20 health cents each time you give blood during a City-sponsored blood drive.



Just some of the remembrances filled out in honor of Veldon White and Richard Collins at the August blood drive which was dedicated to them.



B.G. White (F/R) and his son, Kevin. Kevin holds the \$1,000 scholarship from the Firemen's Relief Fund, which he is using in his freshman year at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Final Notes of Praise

For accountants, it might not get better than this.

The Financial Services Department has once again been awarded the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. This is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting and is the **16th year in a row** our Finance Department has received this award. Talk about a winning streak! Congratulations to all of the people who work so hard in Financial Services.

There's a new master in City Hall.

City Clerk Wanda Elks has earned her Master Municipal Clerk certification from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

This is the highest certification for clerks and the end of more than 10 years of classes, seminars and paperwork. Wanda would like to thank the Mayor & City Council for their support and encouragement during the process to get this.